



## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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The Honorable Peter J. Roskam  
United States House of Representatives  
Attn: (b) (6)  
150 S. Bloomingdale Road, Suite 200  
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Dear Representative Roskam:

Thank you for your inquiry of August 4, 2012, on behalf of your constituent, (b) (6), United States Navy, concerning his request to have other Sailors punished, or, in the alternative, to have his reduction in rank either suspended or set aside. I have reviewed the correspondence submitted by your office on behalf of (b) (6).

I relieved (b) (6), U.S. Navy, as Commanding Officer on board USS GEORGE WASHINGTON on Saturday, August 11, 2012.

On March 7, 2012, (b) (6) administered nonjudicial punishment (also known as NJP or Captain's Mast) to (b) (6) for violating Article 86 (unauthorized absence) and Article 134 (incapacitation for performance of duties through prior wrongful indulgence in intoxicating liquor). He awarded (b) (6) 60 days restriction on board USS GEORGE WASHINGTON, forfeiture of \$984.00 pay per month for two months and reduction in rate to the next inferior pay grade.

While your correspondence included a Privacy Release Form authorizing us to share information pertaining to (b) (6) case with your office, the other Sailors named in his letter have not. As such, I am not authorized to disclose the specifics of their disciplinary proceedings, if there were any. I can tell you that Commanding Officers consider nonjudicial punishment on an individual basis, and are advised to consider the nature of the offense, the record of the Sailor, the needs for good order and discipline, and the effect of nonjudicial punishment on the Sailor and their record.

(b) (6) was notified in writing on the day of his Captain's Mast that he had the right to appeal his nonjudicial

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punishment on the grounds that it was unjust or disproportionate to the offenses for which it was imposed. (b) (6) chose not to appeal his nonjudicial punishment. Nothing from his Captain's Mast or his letter to your office has caused me to believe that his punishment resulted in clear injustice.

Thank you again for your correspondence. If you should need any further assistance regarding this matter, please contact my Command Judge Advocate, Lieutenant Commander (b) (6) JAGC, U.S. Navy, who can be reached by e-mail at [judge@cvn73.navy.mil](mailto:judge@cvn73.navy.mil).

Sincerely,

(b) (6)